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4-lane flyover planned along Sankey Tank Main Road

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The residents of Sadashivanagar are upset over the cutting of avenue trees for a road widening project in the area. They believe the blatant axing of mighty shade providers has dealt a huge blow to the area's ecology.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is planning to construct a four-lane flyover along Sankey Tank Main Road. Along with that, the civic body will also be widening Sankey Road from Bhashyam Circle to Malleswaram 18th Cross. The project is expected to help in the smooth flow of traffic in the area.

Residents BM spoke to said the trees have been present in the area for decades. Hence, cutting them has severely hampered the environmental balance in the area.

"The loss of so many trees and tree cover will increase the temperature in the neighbourhood. A road which already suffers from pollution caused by high traffic, without trees, will now become subject to higher levels of air pollution. The trees absorb 80% of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere;

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"This area will never recover from this ecological loss. One of the last remaining green spaces will turn barren and dusty

— Kimsuka Iyer, resident

GRAND THEFT AUTO

Cases of vehicle theft see sharp increase of 33.42% in last 3 years

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The city witnessed an increase of 22.84% in cases of vehicle theft in 2022 as compared to the previous year.

According to the latest data provided by the city police department, Bengaluru recorded 5,066 reported cases of vehicle theft. In 2021, meanwhile, 4,124 cases were reported.

The 5,066 vehicle thefts that were reported in 2022, show an average of 422.16 cases reported per month and about 13 cases being reported each day.

In the last three years, reported cases of vehicle theft have seen a significant increase in Bengaluru: 3,797 cases of vehicle theft were reported in 2020, which saw a sharp increase of 33.42% in 2022.

"We receive theft cases related to mostly two-wheelers. From our side, we go patrolling in the areas that are prone to such incidents. The department has also installed several CCTV cameras in strategic locations making

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Musical satire

Jagriti is excited to support the young theatremakers of the Pulp Propaganda Theatre Company, from Pondicherry, who are bringing their show "The Rebel, The Princess, The Rainbow, and The Bourgeois" this Saturday. This is an original musical satire about four mannequins, a security guard (whom they are terrified of) and their dramatic nights under the shutters in a textile shop. **Where: Jagriti Theatre; When: January 7, 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm Tickets: bookmyshow.com**

02 Shimmy it, ladies

Every Friday, Indulge by House of Commons offers complimentary cocktails & shooters to all the ladies in the house 8:30 to 10pm. So, pick out that perfect dress, throw on some makeup and get the girls together. To top it all off, the DJ plays hit numbers that doesn't make you want to leave the dance floor. **Where: Indulge by House of Commons, JP Nagar; When: January 6 Contact: 7899529516**

03 Help for differently abled

Rotary Bangalore Peenya and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayatha Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur, is organising its 25th free mega Jaipur foot camp. The camp will provide artificial limbs and equipment to aid those physically abled. For outstation beneficiaries, free food and accommodation will also be provided. **Where: Ganesh Bagh When: Till January 9; Info: 9341214915/ 9845052554**

A beacon of light and hope for those in need

Philanthropist Ronald Colaco reminisces how his father's principles inspired him to walk on a path of selflessness

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A school at Navarathna Agrahara in Byatarayanapura Assembly constituency in North Bengaluru constructed by Ronald Colaco

The journey of philanthropist Ronald Colaco is an inspirational one.

A well-known philanthropist among common, people, the needy and government officials as well, he played a key role in renovating many police stations, churches, mosques, and school buildings which were in a bad shape.

"My father Febian Colaco is my inspiration. There is an interesting incident that made me realise my father's principles. This was in 1964. We had an estate at Sakleshpur. I had accompanied my father to the market there to buy groceries and other items. I, being fond of biriyani, had asked him to buy a plate of biryani for me but he told me that he did not have sufficient money and bought vegetable biryani. We happened to see a physically challenged beggar seeking alms at the Sakleshpur Bus Station. My father gave him one rupee. It made me angry because he did not buy me a meal that costs only 35 paise but he gave one rupee to a beggar," Colaco recalled.

He said that he pulled a long face after going home. "I argued with my father. My father told me that I was blessed to have a mother to cook chicken biriyani but the beggar does not have anyone to look after him. This incident made me change my attitude towards the poor," he said.

He said that his philanthropy began when he was studying at Seshadripuram College. "I used to get pocket money of Rs 200 per month. I used to buy masala dosa and coffee for one or two beggars every day for up to 15 days. I used to buy one masala dosa and ask two beggars to share it because of shortage of pocket money," he said with a smile.

> **"My father is my inspiration; he changed my attitude towards the poor** – Ronald Colaco

What made him renovate Fraser Town Police Station that inspired corporate companies to renovate 50 police stations in the city, I ask.

"I happened to visit Fraser Town Police Station to get domicile certificates for German people residing in Fraser Town Police Station jurisdiction. I felt very sad to see the pathetic condition of the police station and I made arrangements to renovate the station. I took up renovation of a police station in Mangaluru," he said.

He also constructed the Government Higher Primary and High School building at Navarathna Agrahara in 2017.

I ask if he has support from his better half. "My wife Jean Colaco is a wonderful support for me. Before marrying Jean, I told her about my plans of allocating a portion of my earnings for the needy. Jean told me that she has no problems. Now, she keeps reminding me about my commitments," he said.

Recently, The World Book of Records, London, bestowed the Certificate of Excellence upon Ronaldo Colaco for his social and charitable works, by creating infrastructure support to the State Government of Karnataka for the upliftment of society.

A function will be held on Friday to felicitate Colaco. The Certification of Excellence will be presented by Virendra Sharma, a Member of Parliament, London, United Kingdom. Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, Bengaluru North MP DV Sadananda Gowda, Minister Govind Karjol, MLA CT Ravi and MLC SL Bhoje Gowda are expected to attend the felicitation function.

Holiday spirits can leave a heavy heart

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For most people, holidays are precious time spent with family and friends over food and drinks.

But at times, the (over) consumption of liquor may come at a cost. Doctors today say many are suffering from holiday heart syndrome. This is a condition where people binge drinking end up with atrial fibrillation (AFib) or irregular heartbeat associated with binge drinking. This syndrome is most commonly seen during the end of the year when festivities are at a peak.

A 44-year-old man had been drinking heavily during New Years' Eve. He displayed signs of atrial fibrillation, including palpitations and trouble in breathing and was rushed into the Out Patient Department (OPD) of Aster CMI Hospital. He was given beta blockers -- drugs used to lower stress on the heart and blood vessels. After receiving treatment and quitting alcohol, he was cured.

Dr Pradeep Kumar D, Sr Consultant - Interventional Cardiology, Aster CMI Hospital, said, "The holiday season is when it is most frequently observed among people because this is when they tend to overindulge in alcoholic beverages and high-calorie foods.

A worrying side effect of excessive celebration is atrial fibrillation (A-fib), which is caused by the increased salt content in fast food and drink and can eventually cause major cardiac problems."

Some of the signs of atrial fibrillation are chest pain, irregular heartbeats, fatigue, vertigo, and breathing difficulties.

Usually, these episodes end after a period of alcohol abstention. Dr Prabhakar C Koregol, Senior Consultant - Interventional Cardiology, Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru said, "The most common symptoms are palpitations or breathlessness. People who have underlying cardiac diseases often exhibit symptoms where the condition worsens. Binge-drinking can lead to multiple cardiac issues."

Dr Naveen Chandra, Consultant - Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Varthur Road, disclosed that the holiday heart syndrome can occur even for those who consume alcohol for the first time, or chronic alcohol consumers. It is usually dose-dependent, which means the higher the amount of alcohol they consume, the chances of having these kinds of holiday heart syndromes are higher. It is very important to take the history where patients not all patients can divulge information about alcohol intake, he said.

On the plus side, treatment is simple, Dr Chandra said. "Complete abstinence from alcohol is needed or if they cannot, they should maintain a limit of less than 30 ml or less for their sex and age."

Man goes on shopping spree with fraudulent fin card

CRIME FILES

A man has been arrested by the cyber police after Bajaj Finance Ltd lodged a complaint of financial fraud against him.

The accused has been identified as Vikas, who is said to have been an ex-employee of the company. He is said to have kept the KYC documents of the old customers and opened a new account. Then he used to link the customer's documents to the new account using a new SIM card. He allegedly then used to buy expensive items with the newly created Bajaj Finance Card.

The Bajaj Finance Company lodged a complaint with the Cyber Police Station of the Central Division regarding the fraud being done to the customers. Based on the complaint, the police investigated the matter and arrested Vikas.

BBMP officers get 4 years jail

Two BBMP officers of Govindaraja Nagar have been sentenced to four years' imprisonment each in a bribery case. AEE Srinivas of Govindaraja Nagar sub-division of BBMP and Work Inspector YV Somasekaraiah, who had demanded a bribe for approving a project, were sentenced to 4 years in jail by the special court of CCH 24, on Thursday.

The accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 30,000 for approving a bill in 2017 and they were booked under Sections 7, 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Lock-up death to be probed

A man, who was arrested on Wednesday after being on the run for some years, died at the Cottonpet police station on Thursday.

The man, Vinod, was also supposed to appear in court on Thursday, but according to the police, he fainted in the morning and doctors declared him dead when he was taken to the hospital.

Vinod had gone missing in a case registered in 2017. He went into hiding without appearing in court for the case. The court had issued a non-bailable warrant. According to the police, the Cottonpet police took Vinod into custody on Wednesday. He is said to have lost consciousness early in the morning on Thursday. Police said they saw him lying unconscious at around 3.45 am and immediately took him to Victoria Hospital.

West Division DCP Laxman Nimbaragi said, "We have registered a case under CRPC 176. All guidelines will be followed in case of lockup death. The case has been transferred to CID for further investigation."

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Traffic chaos at their doorstep

After man's death in accident, residents along layout's road want cops to ensure they don't become collateral damage of route diversion

Instead of taking the alternate routes provided, commuters take road inside layout in Kothanur

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Residents of Classic Orchards Layout in Kothanur village feel like the danger of tearing traffic has come too close to their homes. After the death of a senior citizen in an accident in the layout, they are making some clear demands to regulate the flow of traffic which has come in as a result of a route diversion due to Metro work.

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) along with Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) had diverted a busy route due to the ongoing metro works of Kalena Agrahara metro station. As a result, many commuters started to use the residential layout as an alternate route, which led to the accident that claimed the senior citizen, HR Raghunath, on January 3.

According to residents of the area, Raghunath passed away on his birthday at around 6:55 pm, after a speeding bike knocked him down. He hurt himself on the back of his head in the fall and despite being taken to the hospital, he did not survive.

The accident has caused fear among all the residents of the layout and they are now demanding a ban on entry of vehicles on the main road till the construction ends.

Mahalakshmi, a resident of the apartment complex, said, "The commuters from BK Circle on one side and from Meenakshi Sundareshwara temple on the other side started using the internal residential road of Classic Orchards, ignoring the sign boards. Speed breakers and barricades installed by the police are not deterring the motorists from speeding. This resulted in turning our residential road into a dangerous place for the residents who are mostly senior citizens and children, particularly residing on both the sides of the road."

The residents pointed out that there are no footpaths here as well. "Fifteen days ago, BMRCL had blocked the road; despite that, this accident occurred. It may not be the last case and we need the Traffic Police to prevent such accidents," Mahalakshmi added.

Sudarshan Rao, Secretary of Classic Orchards Property Owners' Association (COPOA) said the residents have submitted their demands to the Special Commissioner, Bengaluru Traffic Police, MA Saleem, to request intervention to stop the traffic flow in their layout.

The residents demanded that traffic be banned on the Classic Orchards Main Road during the metro construction. They also want the deployment of police on the road

> **"Speed breakers and barricades are not deterring motorists from speeding. This has made the residential layout's road dangerous**
> – Mahalakshmi, resident of the layout

24x7 to regulate the traffic as per the plan. Thirdly, they want authorities to install footpaths, zebra crossings and medians along with introducing additional speed control mechanisms like speed breakers or speed monitoring.

On December 16, the BMRCL had issued a release that the cross road location of Kothanur road from Bannerghatta Main Road (Loyola College junction) will be closed to vehicles from December 19.

Alternate routes were provided, where the traffic coming from Bannerghatta towards Kothanur would have to take a turn to reach Gottigere and travel along Jumbo Savari Dinne and reach BK circle. And those coming from Jayadeva junction towards Kothanur will have to take a turn at Arkere junction along Brigade Millennium Road, RBI Circle and reach BK Circle.

However, those coming from Kankapura, have to take a left turn near BK Circle and then cross Kothanur and reach Bannerghatta Road. But commuters have been using the layout's road instead, said residents of the apartment complex.

Acid attack: No lawyer for accused

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Pratap Reddy said on Thursday that as no lawyer was coming forward to represent the accused in the sensational acid attack case reported from Bengaluru, it was proving to be a technical roadblock for the prosecution.

Speaking to the media, Reddy added that as per the law, if the accused is not represented and vakalat is not filed for him, the case would not proceed further and therefore he/she will not get bail.

The acid attack case is at a standstill because of this technical barrier.

"If an advocate represents the accused, the court proceedings will move faster and he will get punishment faster," the Police Commissioner said. The incident had taken place on April 28, 2022. The accused Nagesh, who was waiting in an autorickshaw near the workplace of the girl in Sunkadakatte in Bengaluru, had chased and poured acid on her due to which the girl sustained 35 per cent burn injuries.

The police said that the accused studied in the same school with the victim in SSLC (Class 10). He turned into a spurned lover and after outright rejection from the girl, he had attacked her.

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Call of the dying waterbody

Sewage inflow, fishkill, foul stench – Sheelavantakere Lake is crying for attention

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The Sheelavantakere Lake used to be frequented by locals for a walk or some fresh air, but now, people can barely stand near the water body for more than five minutes because of the stench in the area

Residents near Sheelavantakere Lake say that the lake's water quality has deteriorated beyond measure. Passers-by who used to pay regular visits to the lake also report that the water body is filled with sewage.

They lament that it used to be a place to walk and breathe in fresh air. However, sewage entry into the lake is impacting the quality of water now.

Shyam Kumar, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror, "I am a daily visitor of the lake, and while going for walks, I have noticed that it is filled with sewage. The colour of the lake has changed, and its surface is filled with garbage. It will severely hamper the water body."

Residents said what was once their favourite spot for walking and taking in the beauty of nature has now turned into a spot where people cannot stand for more than a few minutes because of the intolerable stench coming due to the sewage.

Anup S, another resident, said, "I used to visit the place regularly and come for walks. But recently, I am avoiding the place because of the bad smell that comes from the water. The stench is so bad.

One cannot stand beside the lake for more than five minutes. It used to be a very clean lake, but now, it has turned into this. Although I cannot say for sure, one of the visible sewage lines could be from the direction of Borewell Road, directly connecting to the lake."

Chirag Seth, another resident, told BM that poor maintenance has led to the lake water reaching the brim. It is reportedly continuing to swell because of all the dirt and sludge that is being deposited in it. If no action is taken immediately, it will cause irreversible damage to the water body, he added. Just a few months ago, the lake had reported a second fishkill incident.

> **"A few months ago, fish died in the lake because of all the sewage that was getting accumulated in it. Authorities did not take steps despite that** – Amandeep K, resident

Residents fear that if nothing is done to arrest the flow of sewage into the lake, no one will be able to save the fish that are left in the water. Amandeep K, also a resident, said, "A few months ago, the fish had died in the lake because of all the sewage that was getting accumulated in it. Despite that, the authorities did not take any steps to stop the entry of garbage. If this continues, there will be no more fish left in the lake."

A BBMP official said that they would have to visit the spot first before commenting on the issue.

Time to decongest Bengaluru: Gadkari

Minister suggests modes like cable cars for last-mile connectivity issues

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari took an aerial tour of Bengaluru-Mysuru highway; suggested ways to combat traffic woes

With the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway nearing completion, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has asked the state government to take steps to decongest Bengaluru. He said that the city's traffic had reached saturation levels and it was time the government looked at alternatives.

"The Bengaluru-Mysuru highway will reduce the distance between two Cities. The state government can look at building townships along the highways now. From our end, we can provide connectivity. The state can also encourage IT companies to relocate to the less congested areas. Even educational institutions can be set up. I have already held discussions with private bus manufacturers about whether they can build a business class bus where techies can plug in a laptop to work while travelling. Overall, we need to focus on encouraging public transport. If we can provide better buses, traffic can be reduced," said Gadkari.

Last-mile connectivity

During the meeting, Gadkari suggested that the state look into different transport modes like double-decker buses, cable cars, and personal pods. While the Union Transport Ministry would provide the feasibility report, the state government has to look into funding.

STRR project to skip Bannerghatta forest

The proposed satellite Ring Road project (STRR) was proposed to cut across Bannerghatta forest, which was opposed by activists. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "We are opposing this project and we had taken a decision during our state wildlife board meetings for the same. Gadkari has agreed to our request and the STRR alignment will be revised so that it doesn't pass via Bannerghatta forest."

He added that precious forest land could be preserved even though it would mean the length of the road and cost of the project would increase.

Road safety audit

Gadkari, who took an aerial tour of the highway, said he has asked officials to conduct a road safety audit in the wake of increasing accidents. "There is a requirement of signage near curves which can alert drivers to slow down. Officials need to ensure highways aren't."

He said that the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway will be completed by March this year. The 117 km long project has been taken up at a cost of Rs 8,408 crore.

"The work is almost done and aims to be completed in all respects by February 2023. Out of 117 km, 52 km is Greenfield Road consisting of five bypasses which will reduce congestion in the towns," informed Gadkari. — BMB

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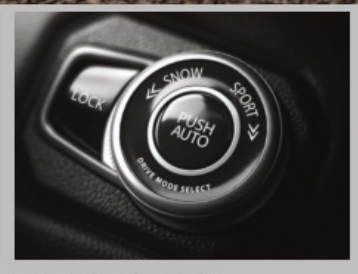

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I, ABDUL WAHEETH BASHA, S/o, Basha Kasim Sab residing at No.1135, 3rd Floor,10th Cross 1st Phase, 1st Stage, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560072 have changed my name to ABDUL WAHID vide affidavit dated 23.12.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, B.lore.

I, VIJAYALAKSHMI HAREESH, R/at No.85/3, Sri Chamundeshwari Layout Arakere B G Road, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to VIJAYALAKSHMI R vide affidavit dated: 3/01/2023 Before Notary V.Rajashekhara Bangalore.

I, Shoab Mohamed Baig Residing at No.5/20 Pemmedgowda Road 3rd cross MR Palyam JC Nagar Bangalore-560006 have changed my name to Baig Shoab Mohamed vide affidavit dated 3.1.2023 sworn before notary B S Padma Prasad Bangalore

I Jesudas Andrews alias Jesudas A S/O, Andrew Bernad alias Andrews Bernad R/o No.414, 7th Cross, Pillanna Garden 3rd Stage, Near Ambedkar Park, have changed my name to Jesudas Andrew Bernad for all purpose

I, NIDA SAREEN, W/o, Sajeel Ahmed Shaik residing at No.18, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Patel Gundappa Block, J C Nagar, Bangalore 560006 have changed my name to NIDA SAREEN SHAIK vide Affidavit dated 03.01.2023 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, B.lore

I, Vineeth s/o Sanjiva R/o #4/29, Karavali Maravanthe, Kundapur, Udupi 576224 have changed my name to Vineeth Kharvi affidavit Dt.05/01/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, Bengaluru

I, B SHANKARAPPA, S/o. Late. Bhadraiah, R/a No.10, SVGNSS Layout, 3rd Cross, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore-560079 have changed my name to B SHANKAR vide affidavit dt: 05.01.2023 sworn before notary Vatsala, B.lore.

I, PYARA JAN, R/a,112,12th Cross,BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560029. I have changed my name to PYARE JAN , Vide affidavit dated 01/09/2022, Sworn before Notary : B Chitra,Bangalore

I Rohit Sarangi, S/O Late Sh. Radharaman Sarangi have changed the name of my minor daughter from "SREEYAA SARANGI" to "ANOKHEE SARANGI" for all purposes.

I, Shamshad Begam W/o Abdul Saleem # No. 7-775/2B Darga Road Lily Rose School Muslim Chowk Gulbarga GB N Gunj Kalaburgi-585104, Have Changed My Name Shamshun Begum For All Purpose

I M.samuel S/O, Madan Mother Aishwarya S R/o have changed my name to M.agasthya for all purposes.

I Vishu Kumara Honnaiah S/o Honnaiah Lingaiah R/o No.561, 2nd Main, 2nd Phase, 6th Block, Vidya Nagar, Bsk 3 Stage, B'luru-560085, have changed my name to Vishu Kumar Honnaiah for all purposes.

I, Manju W/o Sukhlal, R/a No.51/1, KHBCS Layout, Kathriguppe, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. I have changed my name to MANJU .S. Vide affidavit Date : 05/01/2023. Sworn before notary :Devaraja .E.

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Active covid cases drop in city

266 active infections were recorded as of January 5

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After the recent surge in covid cases observed due to the spread of Omicron BF7 variant, infections in the city have remained consistently low. Active cases, which were reported to be 1,249 in the last week of December, have now seen a significant drop. The city reported 266 active cases on January 5.

Over the last year, Bengaluru's active cases had not dipped below 500. In January 2022, it was above two lakh.

As the omicron variant emerged last year, cases have been mild to moderate, and recovery of patients has been fast with the majority seeking home isolation. This is unlike what was seen during the delta variant's spread where the city's health infrastructure was crumbling, beds were unavailable, and a shortage of drugs and oxygen was observed in many hospitals.

A person spraying disinfectant on the streets (File photo); 5,000–6,000 covid tests are being conducted daily

In comparison to other metropolitan cities of the country, Bengaluru's active cases still stand high, but overall, tallying with district-wise data in Karnataka, the cases are low. In Delhi, the active cases reported were 34, followed by Bengaluru with 266 cases, Mumbai with 29 cases, and Chennai with 24 cases.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has also increased daily testing. Since December 26, the number of daily tests conducted have been above 5000. On January 2 , 5,148 tests were conducted, and on January 3, 5,344.

Dr Thrilok Chandra, Commissioner of Health-BBMP, said "There was a pile of active cases that was lagging as the cases of recovered people were not updated. Now, after checking, the active cases have shown a significant drop. We are conducting around 5,000-6,000 tests daily. Even those which are ILI and SARI-like cases are being tested so that the covid cases are caught early on. Right now, we don't see an increase in cases and the situation has been very much in control. "

The positivity rate of the city has been below one with 0.56 per cent reported on Thursday. Active cases are at 0.01 per cent. The overall recovery in the city has been very high - 99.08 per cent. There have only been three covid hospitalisation reported, which are in general wards.

> **"There was a pile of active cases that was lagging as the cases of recovered people were not updated. Now they have shown a significant drop**
>
> –Dr Thrilok Chandra, BBMP

However, experts stated that despite cases being low, measures such as masking, distancing, and taking the booster dose holds utmost importance. "Maintaining regular covid precautions like sanitising hands, wearing a mask in crowded places, getting vaccinated, and keeping a safe distance from infected patients is very important. We doctors are advising anyone who has not taken the booster dose to take it as a precautionary measure. The ones who should take extra care are older people, pregnant women, and people with diabetes, hyper-tension, lung, or kidney diseases. People should not worry about side effects," said Dr Chinnadurai R, Lead Consultant - Critical Care, Aster RV Hospital.

Cops catch notorious burglar

The Konanakunte police have succeeded in arresting a notorious house burglar who was on the run.

Police seized 500 gram of gold jewellery, 3 kg of silver, and a car from the accused, house thief Ganesh alias 'Touch Ganesh'

According to the police, he has robbed more than 25 houses and 18 cases have been registered against him. Before robbing a house, the accused used to make rounds around it in his car. If he noticed that nobody was present in a house, he would target that one.

Cases have been registered against him in a total of 18 police stations including Gnanabharati, RR Nagar, and Vidyaranyapura. **–BMB**

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Electorate rises: Final list is out; every vote counts

Bengaluru South is largest Assembly constituency in Karnataka; city has 48,542 first time voters

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File photo of residents of Rajarajeshwari Nagar queuing up to vote

Its official — Bengaluru South is the largest parliamentary constituency in Karnataka. The final voter list was published on Thursday and according to this, Bengaluru South had the highest number at 6,50,532 voters while the lowest are in Sringeri constituency that has 1,66,521 voters.

In the city, after Bengaluru South, the biggest constituency was Yeshwanthpur (5,15,716), followed by RR Nagar (4,62,423) while the lowest are in Jayanagar (2,01,625). Overall in Bengaluru, 1,02,460 were added to the electoral list, 26,085 had modified their details while 2,22,244 names were deleted. Surprisingly, the gender ratio among the Bengaluru electorate is 929. Interestingly, there are 48,542 first time voters in the city.

"During the revision activities in the Assembly Constituencies, the names of voters detected similar entries in terms of photo or demographically, those who had died, shifted or were absent have been deleted for purification of electoral rolls. After the deletions, the number of voters as per the final electoral rolls in the country stands at 5, 05, and 48,553. Among the general voters, 2,54,03,511 were male and 2,50, 92,726 female and 4,502 others. For the next Assembly elections scheduled to be held this year, 1, 00,834 sex workers have enrolled, along with 30,517 from particularly vulnerable tribal groups, Person with Disabilities-5,09,553 and transgender 41,312. The ratio of electors to population is 68.27%.," said an official.

Name deletion

Though there are 244 Assembly Constituencies in the State, the revision has been completed in 221 Assembly Constituencies. Revision has not been completed at Shivajinagar, Chickpet and Mahadevapura following directions of the Election Commission of India. There were many allegations over the deletion of the voters' names in these constituencies and an inquiry is on. "For the remaining assembly constituencies (Shivajinagar, Chickpet and Mahadevapura), the final electoral Rolls will be published on January 15."

The general public is requested to check as to whether their names have been included in the list with correct information or not

Check please

Officials said that many realise only at the time of voting that their names are not there in the list. Hence, the voters of Bengaluru have been urged to check once. "The electoral rolls of the Assembly constituencies will be published in the official website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka (https://ceo.karnataka.gov.in/) in PDF formats. The general public is requested to check as to whether their names have been included in the list with correct information or not. During the continuous update period, applications can be submitted in online mode using the portals NVSP, Voter Portal or the Voter Helpline Mobile app," said an official.

When the officials were asked why the ratio of electors to population was still lesser, officials said, "Wide publicity has been given about the special summary revision of the electoral rolls through press notes to create awareness among the general public. The district election officers at the district level and the electoral registration officer at subdivision level and assistant electoral registration officer at taluk level have also given publicity regarding special summary revision through various media."

Fall of the urban canopy

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without this, residents will suffer the negative effects of the increase in pollution levels," Kimsuka Iyer, a resident of the area, said. According to the residents, trees have been present in the area for more than 80 to 100 years. Hence, felling the trees has destroyed the heritage as well.

"Many of these trees form an integral part of Bengaluru's natural green cover. Some of the species that were cut fall under the category of 'rain trees' which form an umbrella species that can sustain entire microhabitats within their canopies. This area will never recover from this ecological loss. One of the last remaining green spaces in the city will also turn barren and dusty," Iyer added.

"There has been no notice issued in advance ; they have just chopped down the trees. It is just a temporary solution. The number of private vehicles has increased; they will just end up cutting more trees and need more land to do the same exercise. The authorities should consider a plan for smooth management of traffic and should have a permanent solution including coming up with a system that would help in reducing the number of private vehicles on the road," Arvind Dwarakanath, another resident of the area said.

Meanwhile, some of the residents mentioned that a wide footpath with tree cover is necessary for the pedestrians. "It is important to have a wide footpath with tree cover so that the pedestrians in the area who do not own private vehicles can walk and cycle without facing any risks," Ahana K, another resident of the area, said.

BBMP chief engineer (roads and infrastructure) BS Prahlad stressed the need to have a uniform carriage width from point A to point B. "From CNR Circle till Maramma Circle is a double road; coming down towards Aranya Bhavan road, is also a double road. When we come towards Sankey Tank, it is a single lane road, but we have divided it. Even though it is a very small road, we have provided barricades because people from either side should not disturb people on the other side.

After Bhashyam Circle, the road is again four lanes, except a portion of 700 m. If we do four lanes in the 700 m stretch as well, our problem will be solved. That is why we are widening the road."

5,066 vehicle thefts reported in 2022

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it better for us to nab the accused. Besides, we have checkpoints and we keep an eye on vehicles leaving and entering the city," said a police official. However, despite the policing, incidents of vehicle theft continue to be recorded every day. According to the data, a total of 28,518 IPC cases were registered in Bengaluru city in 2022. Police said there hasn't been any significant increase in any of the major criminal cases like extortion, murder, dacoity, kidnapping, house theft and so on.

However, vehicle theft accounted for 54.58% of the total 9,281 recorded criminal cases including murder, dacoity, robbery, chain snatching and such. The rate of detection for stolen motor vehicles is also considerably lower than other crimes. In 2022, only 1,189 cases of vehicle theft were detected out of 5,066 reported ones. The same was the case in 2021 when only 1,556 vehicles were detected.

The police were unable to detect 76.53% of the total vehicle theft cases reported in 2022.

IN BRIEF

PSI scam: Bail to Hagargi, 25 others

In a major development, the Kalaburagi Session Court on Thursday granted bail to alleged kingpin BJP leader Divya Hagargi and 25 others in connection with the sensational PSI recruitment scam. Judge K.B. Patil gave the order granting bail to Hagargi and also to other main accused Manjunath Melakundi and Deputy Superintendent of Police Mallikarjuna and others.

The court has granted bail to 36 accused in the case till date. Those who got the bail on Thursday included eight candidates, five examination invigilators and three policemen. The Karnataka government had announced re-exams for 545 PSI posts after the scam came to light. The exams were held for these posts on October 3, 2021 and 54,041 candidates had appeared. The results were announced in January, 2022. – IANS

Rare visitor sighted off M'luru coast

Two female Blainville's beaked whales or Mesoplodon densirostris were spotted for the first time in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) recently. This happened during the marine mammal survey undertaken onboard vessel-MFV Yellow Fin-attached to the Mormugao base of the Fishery Survey of India (FSI).

"This is the first confirmed sighting record for this species," said S Ramachandran, zonal director, FSI Goa. Blainville's beaked whales were found usually in waters of depth between 200 and 1,400 m, he said, adding that the species generally dive up to a depth of 1,400 m and remain there for 54 minutes before coming up to the surface to breathe only for a very few seconds. It is one of the rarer species of the genus Mesoplodon.

Arshad PR, a young professional from the base, spotted the deep-sea whale and photographed its movements while it was surfacing in the depth area of 1,400 m off the Mangaluru coast in the Arabian Sea. The maximum size of the whale reported was 4.7 m in length with a weight of 1,033kg. Squid and small fish are their main food sources. Blainville's beaked whales have a medium-sized, round body with a small, wide-based, slightly hooked dorsal fin located far down its back. They also have a low, sloping forehead. Their colouration varies from dark-grey to brownish and bluish. — BMB

HEALTH TIP: Slice up raw vegetables to use as quick snacks; storing carrots in water in the refrigerator will keep them crisp longer

Salmon and sardines with bones has more calcium than salmon and sardines without bones

Painkillers kill pain–but how?

From ibuprofen to fentanyl, it's about meeting pains where they are

Without the ability to feel pain, life is more dangerous. To avoid injury, pain tells us to use a hammer more gently, wait for the soup to cool or put on gloves in a snowball fight. Those with rare inherited disorders that leave them without the ability to feel pain are unable to protect themselves from environmental threats, leading to broken bones, damaged skin, infections and ultimately a shorter life span.

In these contexts, pain is much more than a sensation: It is a protective call to action. But pain that is too intense or long-lasting can be debilitating. So how does modern medicine soften the call?

As a neurobiologist and an anesthesiologist who study pain, this is a question we and other researchers have tried to answer. Science's understanding of how the body senses tissue damage and perceives it as pain has progressed tremendously over the past several years. It has become clear that there are multiple pathways that signal tissue damage to the brain and sound the pain alarm bell.

Interestingly, while the brain uses different pain signaling pathways depending on the type of damage, there is also redundancy to these pathways. Even more intriguing, these neural pathways morph and amplify signals in the case of chronic pain and pain caused by conditions affecting nerves themselves, even though the protective function of pain is no longer needed.

Painkillers work by tackling different parts of these pathways. Not every painkiller works for every type of pain, however. Because of the multitude and redundancy of pain pathways, a perfect painkiller is elusive. But in the meantime, understanding how existing painkillers work helps medical providers and patients use them for the best results.

Anti-inflammatory painkillers

A bruise, sprain or broken bone from an injury all lead to tissue inflammation, an immune response that can lead to swelling and redness as the body tries to heal. Specialised nerve cells in the area of the injury called nociceptors sense the inflammatory chemicals the body produces and send pain signals to the brain.

> **Common over-the-counter anti-inlammatory painkillers work by reducing inflammation in the injured area - particularly in musculoskeletal injuries**

Common over-the-counter anti-inflammatory painkillers work by decreasing inflammation in the injured area. These are particularly useful for musculoskeletal injuries or other pain problems caused by inflammation such as arthritis.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories like ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Aleve) and aspirin do this by blocking an enzyme called COX that plays a key role in a biochemical cascade that produces inflammatory chemicals. Blocking the cascade decreases the amount of inflammatory chemicals, and thereby reduces the pain signals sent to the brain. While acetaminophen (Tylenol), also known as paracetamol, doesn't reduce inflammation as NSAIDs do, it also inhibits COX enzymes and has similar pain-reducing effects.

Prescription anti-inflammatory painkillers include other COX inhibitors, corticosteroids and, more recently, drugs that target and inactivate the inflammatory chemicals themselves.

Because inflammatory chemicals are involved in other important physiological functions beyond just sounding the pain alarm, medications that block them will have side effects and potential health risks, including irritating the stomach lining and affecting kidney function. Over-the-counter medications are generally safe if the directions on the bottle are followed strictly.

Corticosteroids like prednisone block the inflammatory cascade early on in the process, which is probably why they are so potent in reducing inflammation. However, because all the chemicals in the cascade are present in nearly every organ system, long-term use of steroids can pose many health risks that need to be discussed with a physician before starting a treatment plan.

Topical medications

Many topical medications target nociceptors, the specialised nerves that detect tissue damage. Local anesthetics, like lidocaine, prevent these nerves from sending electrical signals to the brain.

The protein sensors on the tips of other sensory neurons in the skin are also targets for topical painkillers. Activating these proteins can elicit particular sensations that can lessen the pain by reducing the activity of the damage-sensing nerves, like the cooling sensation of menthol or the burning sensation of capsaicin.

Nerve injury medications

Nerve injuries, most commonly from arthritis and diabetes, can cause the pain-sensing part of the nervous system to become overactive. These injuries sound the pain alarm even in the absence of tissue damage. The best painkillers in these conditions are those that dampen that alarm.

Antiepileptic drugs, such as gabapentin (Neurontin), suppress the pain-sensing system by blocking electrical signaling in the nerves. However, gabapentin can also reduce nerve activity in other parts of the nervous system, potentially leading to sleepiness and confusion.

Antidepressants, such as duloxetine and nortriptyline, are thought to work by increasing certain neurotransmitters in the spinal cord and brain involved in regulating pain pathways. But they may also alter chemical signaling in the gastrointestinal tract, leading to an upset stomach.

All these medications are prescribed by doctors.

Opioids

Opioids are chemicals found or derived from the opium poppy. One of the earliest opioids, morphine, was purified in the 1800s. Since then, medical use of opioids has expanded to include many natural and synthetic derivatives of morphine with varying potency and duration. Opioids decrease pain by activating the body's endorphin system.

Endorphins are a type of opioid your body naturally produces that decreases incoming signals of injury and produces feelings of euphoria – the so-called "runner's high." Opioids simulate the effects of endorphins by acting on similar targets in the body.

Although opioids can decrease some types of acute pain, such as after surgery, musculoskeletal injuries like a broken leg or cancer pain, they are often ineffective for neuropathic injuries and chronic pain. All opioids are controlled substances and are carefully prescribed by doctors because of side effects and risks.

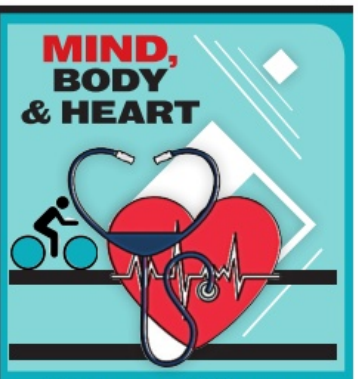
Matching pain to drug

While sounding the pain alarm is important for survival, dampening the klaxon when it's too loud or unhelpful is sometimes necessary.

No existing medication can perfectly treat pain. Matching specific types of pain to drugs that target specific pathways can improve pain relief, but even then, medications can fail to work even for people with the same condition.

More research that deepens the medical field's understanding of the pain pathways and targets in the body can help lead to more effective treatments and improved pain management.

—Rebecca Seal and Benedict Alter, University of Pittsburgh (The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My 10-year wedding anniversary was on New Year's Eve, and figuring it was a special one, I thought my husband would make the effort to buy me a gift, organise a treat or even just acknowledge it with a kiss. But he didn't and I hit the roof because I'm so sick of him taking me and our marriage for granted.
I knew he wasn't the romantic sort when I married him, but I've had it with his thoughtlessness and lack of affection.
When I screamed at him for forgetting our anniversary, he went to the petrol station and bought me a half-dead bunch of flowers, which I had to throw in the bin the next day.
I don't want to sound petty, but I shouldn't have to tell him to do these things.
We have two lovely young children and family life is generally good, but I feel as if he doesn't value me.

COLEEN SAYS

I don't think it's petty at all if you're feeling undervalued and unloved. Forgetting about your 10-year anniversary and trying to make up for it with a sad bunch of flowers is not good enough.
I think you need a conversation with him about how you feel in this relationship.
Romance and showing you care isn't about a once-a-year grand gesture or a fancy gift, it's about how you treat each other day to day. It's the small things – a hug, a nice text, a cup of tea, doing your bit at home.
It's the thought that counts and never the money.
These are the things that bring you closer and build intimacy.
He obviously felt bad about your anniversary and tried to make up for it, even if it fell flat.
Don't expect him to be a mind reader. Explain to him what you think is missing.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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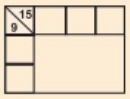

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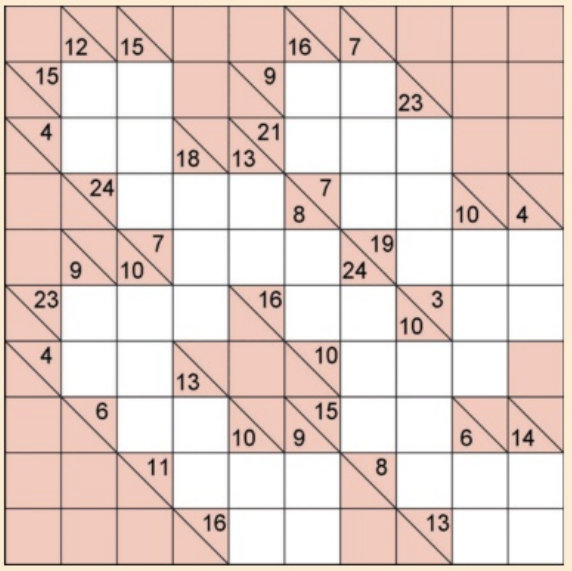

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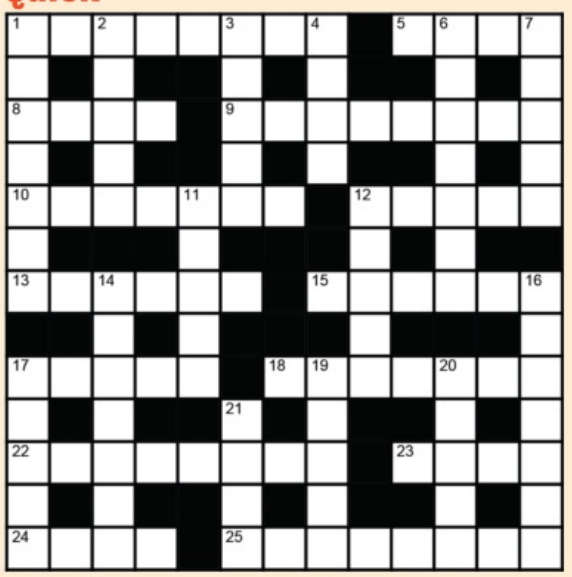

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24 Impertinent (4)
25 Make known (8)

DOWN

1 Indicated or meant (7)
2 Betel palm (5)
3 Just right (5)
4 Bacon makers (4)
6 This cathedral in Bangalore is over 200 years old (2,5)
7 Drying device (5)
11 All taken separately (5)
12 Horse genus (5)
14 Ill ____ : imprudent? (7)
16 Patronage (7)
17 Go in (5)
19 White stones (5)
20 Intermediate place (5)
21 Dine out fon a girl's name (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS G

CXCHIOYVFJ ZCJVFQ SVOY LF VPCL.

Linemaro

You are cuter than a penguin

Mindchow

Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo

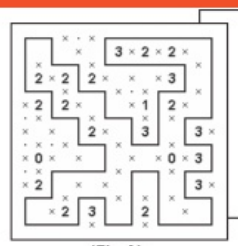
Joke of the day

Why do they say an alarm clock goes off when actually it is coming on?

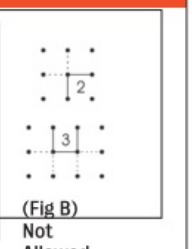
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

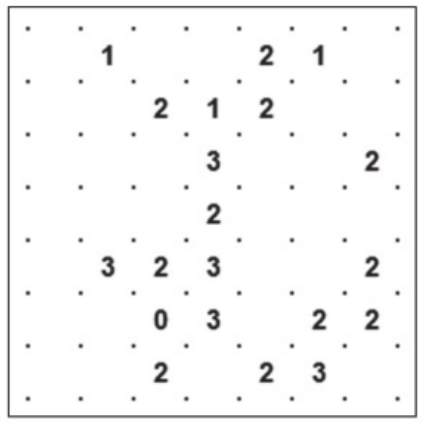


(Fig B) Not Allowed

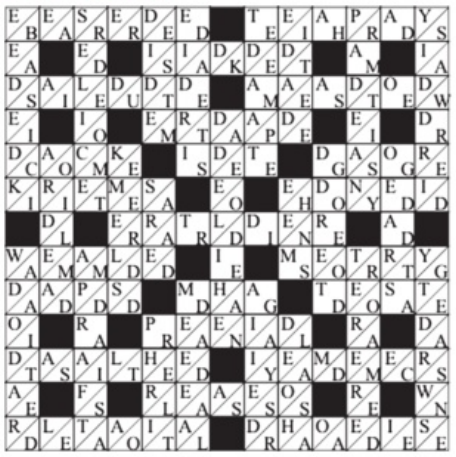
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4 P	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

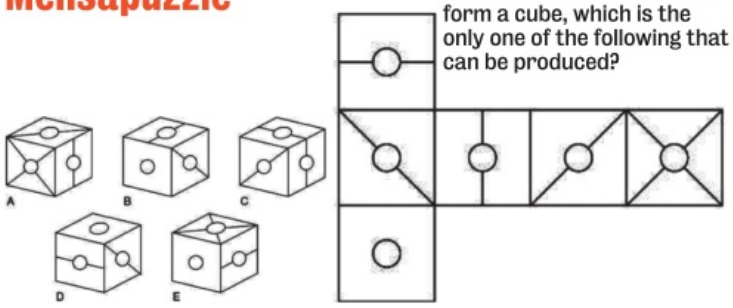
1 Pad at; 6 If ell;
7 I rose; 8 Canoe;
9 Stint

DOWN

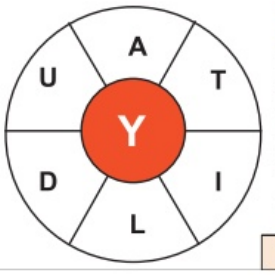
1 To Oaf; 2 CID is;
3 Aline; 4 Leapt;
5 Stern

Mensapuzzle

When the below is folded to form a cube, which is the only one of the following that can be produced?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

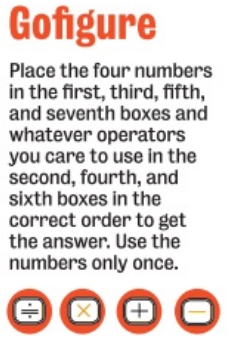
SudokuChallenge

	5			3			4	
	7		6		2		8	
6		1	9		4	7		3
5								4
			2		9			
8								6
2		6	3		1	8		7
	1		5		7		6	
	9			8			3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



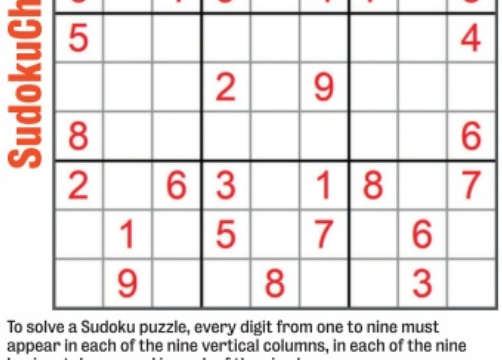
Easy = 23
3 8 8 9

Medium = 32
4 8 8 8

Hard = 11
2 4 7 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



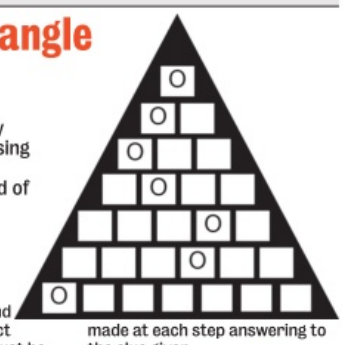
Differences: 1. Pencil is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Pocket is missing. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Light is not as long. 6. Fingers are not showing on clipboard.

Riddler

Which word from Group B belongs in Group A?
GROUP A: Clipper, Caviler, Pacer, Maverick
GROUP B: Heat, Suns, Trailblazer, Jazz, Pelican

Alpha triangle

1 Circular letter
2 Conjunction
3 Boathouse item
4 Rise dramatically
5 Criminal fire-raising
6 Pinafores
7 Children deprived of both parents



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHAT KIND OF DRESSES WILL WE NEED TO MAKE FOR "BYE BYE BIRDIE"?
I NEED TO FIND A SHEATH DRESS TO TAKE APART FOR THE PATTERN. SAME FOR THE SHIRTWAIST.
THE FIT AND FLARE DRESS I CAN DO WITH MY EYES CLOSED.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
NOPE!
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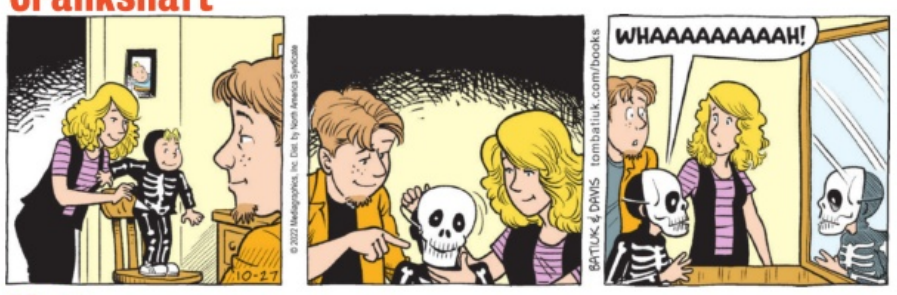
Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may expect a short business trip. You may also expect to get some rewards for success in your domain. Your respect around you may be increased. You may hear some good news from your siblings. Job seekers seeking management jobs may get success. Singles are likely to get engaged.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by your elders. New sources of income will likely be opened up, which will boost your bank balance. You may plan to renovate your house. You may get a big order which can grow your family business multiple times. You have to keep patience while signing any contract. There may be some movement in your business; delayed projects will start again.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day. You are blessed by Jupiter. Your wisdom may help you come out of difficult situations. You may also help needy people. you may give your opinion to your family or friends, which may increase your prestige among them. You may have some differences of opinion with your spouse.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be a victim of mood swings. You may feel dull. Your health is not ok. It affects your daily routine. You are advised to rash driving and adventure tours. Today you may also spend money on worthless things, which may affect your financial health.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is important for your work front. You can expect to get a big order which may boost your business. Your will power may be improved now. You are likely to take some difficult decisions in business very easily. Your staff will be supportive of you to implement your projects successfully. With the help of wisdom, you may control your opponents.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are likely to meet someone who is an influential person. With the help of them you may expect good growth in your business or work. Your destiny may help you and your losses may now convert to profits. Your financial health may be on track now. Lovebirds are advised to take some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may expect to get a strong position after some struggle. You may plan for an overseas professional trip. Students will be focusing on their career. You can buy some artefacts or artistic items for the house or office to improve your lifestyle. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. Old debts can make you upset. You will be a victim of self-criticism. You will feel guilty about silly mistakes. It is advised to avoid adventure tours and rash driving. Your stubbornness may create some issues in your personal life.

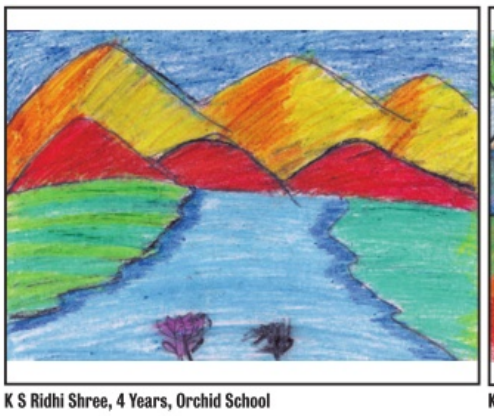
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today the moon may help you to improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business which will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Lovebirds can take some important decisions in their life, but they are advised to be clear in their opinion with each other to make their future bright.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day. Things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors and you may expect promotions. Money which was stuck is likely to be recovered now. It may help in increasing liquidity in business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters also. In partnerships, many issues may be settled now.

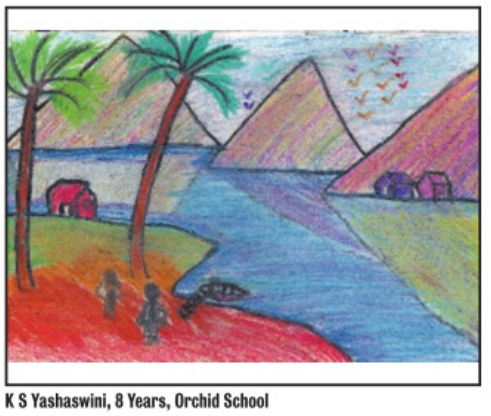
Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may hear good news in terms of jobs. Job seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may get engaged to their soulmate. You may also hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may plan for a change in place, but it is advised to postpone decisions related to migration for a while. It is also advised to avoid investments. By late evening, situations may be under control. With good advice from one of your elders, you may control messy situations.

KIDZONE



K S Ridhi Shree, 4 Years, Orchid School



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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
Trailblazers. Each word in Group A is both the name of an NBA basketball team as well as a model of vehicle: Los Angeles Clipper/Packard Clipper (1941-1957), Cleveland Cavaliers /Chevrolet Cavalier (1982-2005), Indiana Pacers/AMC Pacer (1975-1980), Dallas Mavericks/Ford Maverick (1970-1977), Portland TrailBlazers/Chevrolet TrailBlazer (2000-2008)

SOLVE IN 1M
6 (√2^10-2^3+2^1)
= 6^√2^2+2
= 6^2=12

FAST FIVE

A	D	A	P	T
F	I	L	L	E
O	C	E	A	N
O	S	I	E	R
T	I	N	T	S

STRIKE OUT

B	A	R	R	E	D	■	T	I	A	R	A	S	■	■
E	■	S	I	D	E	D	■	A	■	A	■	■	■	■
D	I	L	U	T	E	■	M	E	A	D	O	W	■	■
E	■	E	■	T	A	P	E	■	I	■	R	■	■	■
C	O	C	K	■	S	E	T	■	G	A	G	E	■	■
K	I	T	E	S	■	O	■	H	O	N	E	D	■	■
W	E	A	L	D	■	I	■	M	E	R	E	R	Y	■
A	D	D	S	■	M	A	G	■	D	O	S	E	■	■
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T	A	I	L	E	D	■	Y	A	M	M	E	R	■	■
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QUICK

R	U	D	E	■	D	I	S	C	L	O	S	E	■	■
E	■	E	■	E	■	I	■	B	■	L	■	C	■	■
T	A	S	M	A	N	I	A	■	O	M	N	I	■	■
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D	E	A	L	W	I	T	H	■	A	S	I	A	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
8

BULL'S EYE
daily, DUALITY, duly, duty, idly, lady, tidy

QUOTE UNCODE
Everything begins with an idea.

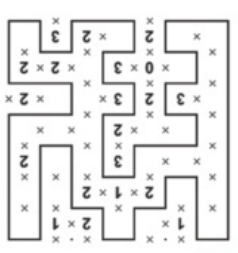
SUDOKU

9	5	2	7	3	8	6	1	4
4	7	3	6	1	2	9	8	5
6	8	1	9	5	4	7	2	3
5	6	9	8	7	3	2	1	4
1	3	4	2	6	5	8	7	9
8	2	7	1	4	5	3	9	6
2	4	6	3	9	1	8	5	7
3	1	8	5	2	7	4	6	9
7	9	5	4	8	6	1	3	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, Or, Oar, Soar, Arson, Aprons, Orphans.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 3 + 8 + 3 = 23
Medium
8 + 8 - 8 x 4 = 32
Hard
7 + 2 - 2 + 4 = 11

LOOP



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Wishes galore to birthday girl

Prabhas to Madhuri Dixit, celebs extend warm wishes to Deepika

On the occasion of actor Deepika Padukone's birthday, several Indian celebrities took to their social media account and extended warm wishes to the 'Piku' actor.

Actor Ananya Panday shared a cute picture with Deepika on her Instagram stories and wrote, "The best kinda sandwich, a Deepu sandwich always filled with so much love happy happy birthday @deepikapadukone."

Parineeti Chopra wrote, "Happy Birthday May this year be bigger better and filled with hugs...Love you DP @deepikapadukone."

Shilpa Shetty Kundra shared a picture and wrote, "Happ birthday @deepikapadukone May you have a fulfilling and successful year ahead my dearest. Stay happy stay blessed. PS: We need better pictures."

Madhuri Dixit Nene wrote, "Sending you good vibes and smiles for every second of your special day. Best wishes for Pathan! Have a fantastic birthday."

Actor Diana Penty wrote, "Happy Happy Birthday DP. Big hugs and lots of Love."

Rakul Preet Singh wrote, "Happy Birthday you star! Cheers to another year! Hope your day is filled with lots of love and lots of birthday cake."

Actor Prabhas shared a poster of Deepika from 'Project K' and wrote, "Wishing the super gorgeous and talented @deepikapadukone a wonderful birthday and a year full of successes! #ProjectK."

Urvashi Rautela shared a picture and wrote, "Happy Birthday Queen of Hearts." **—ANI**

Moving on...

New pictures of Disha with Aleksandar spark speculation

For the longest time, it has been speculated that Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani are dating each other. The fashionable duo have been spotted at multiple parties and events together and the two are also quite regular at each other's houses, so rumour mills have always been churning buzz that the two are in fact, a couple. However, of late Disha has been posting a lot of pics with model Aleksandar, fueling reports that she is now dating him, after allegedly breaking up with Tiger. However, in an earlier interaction with Bombay Times, Aleksandar Ilic refused to talk about the whole thing saying that they (he and Disha) know what the truth is and there is no point in discussing it with someone else. He also added that people should just let others lead their lives.

Now, in a recent Insta post, Disha dropped multiple pics out of which few were with Aleksandar as well. Aleksandar too posted a dinner selfie with her which shows the two in an intimate candle light setting. Seeing this pic, Tiger Shroff's sister Krishna, who seems to be friends with the duo commented, "Can't wait to read what they write after this pic."

Earlier, in an episode of Koffee With Karan, Season 7, Tiger Shroff was quizzed about his relationship with Disha. The War actor however retorted that he has always maintained that the two are amazing friends and that is it. Further, the actor also gave a cryptic reply when Karan asked him if he was single by answering, 'I think so'. **—ETimes**

What Benedict Cumberbatch will do next

Hollywood star Benedict Cumberbatch of 'Doctor Strange' fame is currently in final talks to star in the Netflix limited series 'Eric'.

According to Variety, an American media company, set in 1980's New York, the six-episode series was originally announced in November 2021.

The show would see Cumberbatch star as Vincent Sullivan, the lead puppet maker and puppeteer of America's most popular children's show, whose life begins to unravel when his young son, Edgar, disappears.

Now homeless and dealing with substance addiction, Vincent finds his only companion is Eric, a seven-foot tall blue puppet, who leads him on a journey to find his son and to find a way home, reported Variety.

The series hails from writer and executive producer Abi Morgan, whose past onscreen writing credits include shows like 'Sex Traffick' and the Emmy-winning series 'The Hour', as well as films like 'The Iron Lady', 'The Invisible Woman', and 'Suffragette.'

As per Variety, this would be the latest limited series lead role of Cumberbatch's career. **—ANI**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Second shot

Pushpa Bhadaravathi is making a second attempt to prove her mettle as a director in Sandalwood. What makes Pushpa's effort unique is that she does not have any academic qualifications, but she conceptualises the script, screenplay and directs the film. The trailer for her upcoming film Kai Jaarida Preethi (Lost love), was released on Wednesday at Renukamba Preview Theater at Malleswaram.

"I debuted as a director with the movie Naavella Bharatheeyaru (We all are Indians). I managed to release it at one theater and could not do much to promote that movie as I was not well. I did not go to school during my childhood due to poverty. I had an opportunity to play a small character role in the movie Katha Sangama that was directed by veteran director Puttanna Kanagal in 1975," said Pushpa.

Being illiterate, how does she manage with the script and dialogues? "I have five daughters. I narrate the script to my daughters, who then write the script, screenplay and dialogues for me," she said. As for finances of the fil, she says for her first film, she got a subsidy from the state government. "A few of my friends and well-wishers contributed money for my second movie," she said.

Focus on Sandalwood!

Sandalwood has been given the corporate touch by Zee Studios. Zee Studios are known for bankrolling Kannada movies such as Drishya 2, Headbush, and Vedha.

Of these, Vedha turned out to be among films of Dr Shivarajkumar's that were well received by the audience.

There are plans to dub the movie, released in Kannada, Tamil and Telugu, in Hindi.

Zee Studios now plans to bankroll a movie with Navarasa Nayaka Jaggesh. The movie's title is Ranganayaka. The details on shooting schedule, cast and crew are yet to be announced.

In the coming year, Zee Studios South shall be aggressively producing films such as Thunivu starring Ajith Kumar in Tamil, King of Kotha featuring Dulquer Salman in Malayalam, Katharbasha Endra Muthuramalingam starring Arya in Tamil, Vimanam (Tamil and Telugu bilingual) starring Samuthirakani, amongst others catering to the southern part of the country.